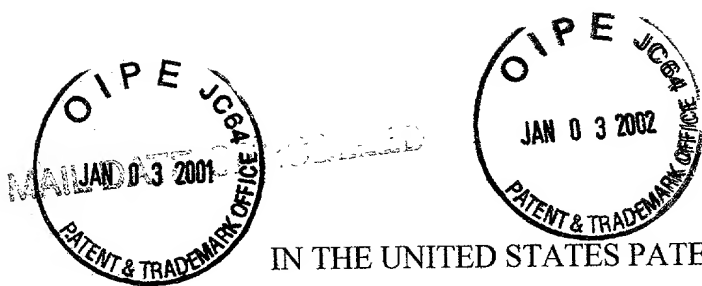


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated November 6, 2001 for which a response is due on January 6, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Corrected drawing sheets (42) having a top margin of at least 1 inch, a left side margin of at least 1 inch, a right side margin of at least 5/8 inch, and a bottom margin of at least 3/8 inch are attached to this response.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this request and the Patent Office determines that a fee is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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